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SUBJECT: SPAIN COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR CODEL TAYLOR-CORRECTED
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¶1. Embassy grants country clearance and warmly welcomes U.S. Representative Gene Taylor, Member of the House armed Services Committee and accompanying delegation to travel to Rota, Spain on or about December 17 to December 18. The purpose of travel is to study the reconstruction efforts in Iraq.

¶2. Strother Murray is the point of contact and can be reached at embassy number 34 91 587 2393, blackberry number 699 838 367 and email address is MurrayES@state.gov.

¶3. Hotel reservations have been made at the Hotel Duque de Najera located on 11520 Rota, telephone number is 34 956 846 020 and fax number is 34 956 812 472. The room rate is \$162.10 and it includes VAT and breakfast. The per diem rate for ROTA is \$179 for lodging and \$99 for M&IE.

¶4. Visitors are reminded that bearers of diplomatic and official passports coming to Spain on official business need to obtain a Spanish visa prior to arrival to Spain.

¶5. Post can provide DoS email access via OpenNet (unclassified system) to State Department travelers who have active OpenNet accounts. Post can also support users who wish to access their email accounts using FOBs or OWA. Exchange 5.5 users (ask your system manager to provide Exchange server version) who have to use remote login to access their exchange email accounts will need to provide Post's IM section with the name of their DoS Domain and their Exchange Server name and/or IP address.

¶6. THREAT ASSESSMENT:

In general, Spain is safe. However, Madrid, Barcelona and other large cities in Spain -- including resort/convention areas such as Benidorm -- attract a large number of criminals and pickpockets and frequent incidents of crime of opportunity against the unwary do occur. Carry only essential items including a photocopy of your passport's photo page. Visitors can protect themselves against crime by being street-smart, alert and aware of their surroundings. In the event you are victimized by crime, or experience any security-related incident, please contact the Embassy's Regional Security Office at 91-587-2550 or after hours at 91-587-2355. Official visitors to the Embassy in Madrid or the Consulate General in Barcelona are encouraged to receive a security briefing from the RSO office at their earliest convenience. Additional information regarding safety and

security in Spain is available on the U.S. Department of State's website (www.embusa.es).

Travelers are encouraged to review the most recent Worldwide Caution issued by the Department of State. As the Department of State continues to develop information on any potential security threats to Americans overseas, it shares credible threat information through its Consular Information Program documents, available on the Internet at <http://travel.state.gov>. In addition to information on the Internet, U.S. travelers can hear recorded information by calling the Department of State in Washington, D.C. at 202-647-5225 from their touch-tone telephone, or receive information by automated telefax by dialing 202-647-3000 from their fax machine.

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